



# THE QUAG 31 Acres

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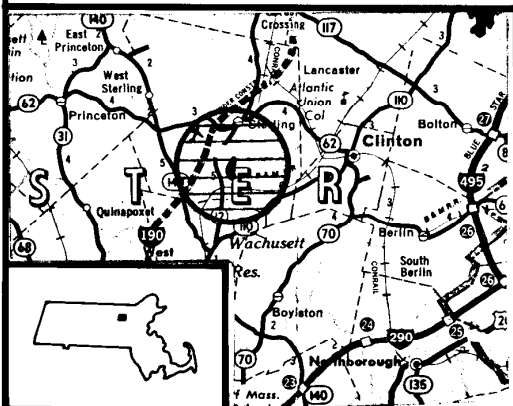


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# WEST WAUSHACCUM POND (STERLING) Area: 111 Acres

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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## WEST WAUSHACCUM POND (Sterling)

### General Information:

An infertile, 142-acre cold water pond, West Waushaccum is located within the Wachusett Reservoir watershed and is under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan District Commission. West Waushaccum Pond is one of the more popular stocked trout ponds in Worcester County. There is no boat ramp, but car top boats and canoes can be lifted over the guardrail along Gates Road for launching. Vehicles are commonly parked along Gates Road. It is important to note that **no gas-operated outboard motors are allowed**. Electric trolling motors are permissible, however. The opening and closing dates for fishing at West Waushaccum presently coincide with those for Wachusett Reservoir: April 1 to November 30.

### Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1981 summer survey. Twelve species were collected including bluegills, pumpkinseeds, largemouth bass, yellow perch, chain pickerel, white sucker, yellow bullhead, rainbow trout, brown bullhead, rock bass, white perch and golden shiners.

### Fishing:

West Waushaccum Pond, because of its natural, relatively undeveloped character, is an enjoyable setting for a day's fishing. Several thousand trout are stocked annually. Depending on availability, a percentage of the annual trout allotment is comprised of brown trout, with the hope that some will carryover and grow to a larger size.

The best warm water fishing is probably in the Quag, which can be accessed from the main pond through a shallow channel beneath an old railroad crossing. This relatively shallow and weedy section is a sure producer of largemouth bass.

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